

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, IS  
SUBJECT: BEGIN RECEIVES MANDATE TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT

1. PRESIDENT KATZIR TODAY FORMALLY ASSIGNED TO LIKUD  
LEADER MENAHEM BEGIN THE TASK OF FORMING A GOVERNMENT.  
BEGIN, WHO UNDER ISRAEL'S BASIC LAW HAD THREE DAYS TO  
CONSIDER THE PRESIDENT'S BID, ACCEPTED ON THE SPOT. HE  
STATED THAT HE WILL RENEW EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT  
OF NATIONAL UNITY AND PLANS TO SEE ALIGNMENT HEAD  
SHIMON PERES ON JUNE 9 TO DISCUSS THAT POSSIBILITY.  
ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HIS FIRST APPEAL TO THE ALIGNMENT  
WAS REJECTED, BEGIN SAID THAT THE CRITICAL TIMES FACING  
ISRAEL REQUIRED BROAD PARTICIPATION IN THE NEXT GOVERNMENT.  
DESPITE DIFFERENCES, HE CLAIMED  
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THAT HIS PARTY AND THE ALIGNMENT SEE EYE TO EYE ON  
OPPOSING A PALESTINIAN STATE, A RETURN TO THE JUNE 4, 1967  
LINES, AND NEGOTIATING WITH THE PLO.

2. WITH THE CEREMONY OF ASSIGNING THE MANDATE, THE  
CLOCK HAS BEGUN TO TICK ON BEGIN'S FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO  
HEAD AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. HE WILL HAVE 21 DAYS TO

ACCOMPLISH THE TASK, WHICH THE PRESIDENT CAN EXTEND FOR PERIODS OF UP TO 21 MORE DAYS. BEGIN'S DECLARATION NOTWITHSTANDING, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ALIGNMENT IS RECONSIDERING ITS REJECTION OF THE LIKUD'S EARLIER PROPOSAL FOR A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT. OF MORE IMMEDIATE IMPORT: THE LIKUD IS TO MEET WITH THE DMC LATE THIS AFTERNOON FOR WHAT SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE WILL BE A DECISIVE NEGOTIATING SESSION. LEWIS

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